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Testimony for HHS on 4/7/2026 3:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Randolph Hack	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the nomination of RAVEN SEVILLEJA to the Oahu Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Raven is an outstanding candidate for our Service Area Board. I have heard her speak eloquently about mental health issues when she was serving in the City Prosecutor's Office. She has an outstanding resume.

Please-your confirmation votes are important to this nominee.

-Randolph C. Hack as a private citizen

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Mandado	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly recommend Raven for appointment to the Oahu Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board. Having worked closely with her, I have seen firsthand how she balances a strong professional background as a prosecutor with a deep, personal commitment to mental health advocacy. This dual perspective is rare. She understands the systemic challenges facing our legal and social frameworks, yet she never loses sight of the human beings at the center of these challenges. Her career has been defined by a dedication to justice that includes the necessity of high-quality mental health support.

Beyond her professional credentials, Raven brings the authenticity of lived experience to the table, ensuring that the board's decisions will be rooted in empathy and real-world impact. She is a passionate advocate for expanding accessible care across all populations on Oahu, recognizing that mental health and substance abuse issues do not discriminate. Her ability to translate complex legal and clinical needs into actionable community support makes her an ideal fit for this role. I am confident that her integrity, expertise, and heart will serve the people of Hawaii exceptionally well.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelcie Nagata	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in support of Raven Sevilleja's nomination to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Oahu Service Area Board. Raven has dedicated her career to public service. She also has been a passionate advocate for raising awareness and reducing stigma surrounding mental health. Serving on this Board represents a great alignment of these two important commitments, and she would be a valuable asset to the Board.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aldric Ulep	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 6, 2026

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Raven Sevilleja's appointment to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

Raven and I first met through our shared service on the Board of Directors for the Filipino Jaycees of Honolulu. Ever since, I have witnessed firsthand, and been continually impressed by, her exceptional leadership, dedication to public service, and deep commitment to mental health advocacy.

Notably, during her tenure as Executive Vice President and Individual Development Vice President for the Filipino Jaycees of Honolulu, she initiated our annual Mental Health Awareness Month campaign, a project which has earned the distinction from JCI Hawai'i as an Outstanding Project. In partnership with all JCI Hawai'i chapters, Raven successfully organized events aimed at reducing stigma and facilitating access to critical resources in the community. Her efforts were instrumental to ensuring that mental health stays top-of-mind, not just each May, but year-round. More than that, Raven acted as a mentor leader for others in our organization, supporting other board members when she saw a need and had the capacity to do so.

Although I have not had the chance to work with Raven in a workplace setting, I know that she will bring valuable experience and expertise to the board, and I believe Raven will continue to be the collaborative, strategic community leader that I've come to admire and respect. I am pleased for the opportunity to testify in strong support of her appointment. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

Aldric Ulep

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gina E Maeda-Caluya	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Raven Sevilleja is an astounding, compassionate individual, capable of achieving anything and everything she sets out to do. Very aware of the importance of mental health and providing equal and easy access to treatment, she has given of herself tirelessly in the promotion of creating a safe space for her community to find the support they need.

She is the best ally and person to fulfill this role.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Florelei Lopez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Raven Sevilleja to the Oahu Service Area Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

I have known Raven for 4 years and in that time I have witnessed firsthand her unwavering dedication to the well-being of others. She is someone who doesn't just talk about making a difference — she shows up and does the work.

On a professional level, Raven has played a meaningful role in my own growth and development. Her encouragement, guidance, and genuine care have had a lasting impact on my life, and I know I am far from the only person who can say that.

She is a passionate advocate who brings both heart and purpose to everything she takes on. I have no doubt she will serve the people of Oahu with the same commitment and integrity she brings to every aspect of her life.

I respectfully ask the committee to confirm her appointment. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Natalie Millon	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing in strong support of nomination of Raven Sevilleja for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

I have had the privilege of knowing Raven since 2020 through the Filipino Jaycees of Honolulu. She joined during a time when connection was especially difficult, yet remained actively engaged even in a fully virtual environment. From the beginning, she demonstrated initiative and genuine commitment to serving the community.

Raven later served on the Filipino Jaycees of Honolulu Board, where she not only contributed as a leader but also created the organization's Mental Health Awareness Campaign held each May. What began as an initiative has since grown into one of the chapter's signature programs, continuing to raise awareness and foster meaningful conversations around mental health in our community.

Beyond her accomplishments, Raven has a natural ability to connect with people and create safe and supportive spaces, which are all qualities essential in the mental health and substance abuse field. On a personal level, she is a friend I can rely on. That same dependability extends to her leadership and service.

I am confident that Raven will bring integrity and a strong sense of purpose to this role. I respectfully urge the Board to support her nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Natalie Millon

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick Comiso	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Patrick Comiso and I am in full support of the confirmation of Raven Sevilleja to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board. Alongside her extraordinary work in public service as an attorney, Raven's time with the Filipino Jaycees of Honolulu and JCI Hawai'i has brought along several initiatives to the organization and for the public to raise awareness and be supportive of mental health. I believe that her background and understanding of mental health can bring about different and progressive views that will spur positive efforts to support those in need on Oahu and Statewide.